

"Trailer Vagabond" Tours Mt. Vernon, Virginia

WARREN BAYLEY

The Washington title to Mount Vernon dates from the grant in 1674 to John Washington, great-grandfather of George, and descended by inheritance and purchase to Augustine Washington, father of George. It was then known as "Hunting Creek Plantation."

In 1740 Augustine deeded the plantation to Lawrence, elder half-brother of George, who built a new house and re-named the property "Mount Vernon" in honor of Admiral Vernon, under whom he had served in the West Indies.

In 1752 Lawrence died and two years later George acquired title from Lawrence's widow. It was five years, however, before he could make the plantation his home, owing to active military operations against the French and Indians.

Owned 276 Slaves

In 1759 he married Martha Custis, a young widow with two children. In the spring of that year they took up their residence in their new home. Both the Custis children were reared at Mount Vernon. Washington had no children of his own.

Although a wealthy man in his own right, Washington's marriage added materially to his wealth as Mrs. Custis was one of the wealthiest women of her day. As a result, Mount Vernon was developed into one of the show places of the south and they became owners of 276 slaves.

In 1789 Washington retired from public life and returned to his home where he passed away Dec. 14, 1799. His wife died in 1802 and was interred with him in the family vault on the plantation. Later a new vault was built as directed by his will and in 1831 the transfer was made.

Although Washington's birthplace was established by Congress as a National Monument, it remained for a private association to acquire and restore his home. This was done by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, an organization chartered by the State of Virginia. Funds were raised by individual subscription and a 200 acre tract, including the mansion, wharf and all subsidiary buildings was acquired in 1858.

The estate had long been unproductive; the buildings had unavoidably depreciated; gardens and grounds had suffered. A comprehensive plan of repairs and restoration was immediately inaugurated.

While the mansion itself remained, its furnishings had been distributed among the members of the Washington and Custis families or sold by executors after the death of Mrs. Washington. The house was refurbished with period pieces; but year after year, by purchase, donation and bequest, the furnishings that were at Mount Vernon.

non in the time of Washington are being acquired.

At the present time most of the pieces on the first floor, and all of those in Washington's bed-chamber are original. An additional collection of articles related to Washington and his life at Mount Vernon is housed in a museum building located on the grounds.

Since 1859 the tract has been enlarged to 475 acres, an area sufficient to insure the property against undesirable encroachments.

In 1938 over 500,000 visitors were attracted by its beauty and historic value.

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Val-like lace edges the neck, high-waist and puffed sleeves of this quaint, demure nightgown, pictured in August Good Housekeeping. The material is non-run, brushed rayon crepe.

IN SOCIETY

LOMITA REBEKAHS HOLD 'COURTESY NITE'

Officers of southern district Trio Rebekah lodges were guests of the Lomita lodge at a "courtesy night" meeting Wednesday evening at the Odd Fellows temple. Lodges in San Pedro, Long Beach, Compton and Los Angeles had delegations at the session.

MOTHERS CENTER MEETING FRIDAY

Tomorrow (Friday) the regular meeting of Mothers' Educational Center will be held in the Woman's club house, 1442 Engracia avenue, with Maude Lock as chairman.

Children enrolled between 9:00 and 11:00 a. m.

N. B. P. W. PICNIC AT PT. FERMIN

Thirty-five attended the dinner meeting of Torrance Club National Business and Professional Women held Monday evening at Pt. Fermin park, San Pedro.

A chicken dinner was served. Committee in charge of the party were Edna Smith, Edna Mullin and Arvilla Owens.

Arvilla Owens will entertain the club at their September business meeting, which will be held at her home, 25322 Cypress street, Lomita, Tuesday, September 5.

MRS. H. T. LINTOTT TODAY'S HOSTESS

Mrs. H. T. Lintott is entertaining members of the Woman's Council of First Methodist church at her Laguna Beach home today.

Thirty are attending.

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. James West, 1106 El Prado, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice May West, to Harry B. Matthewson, son of Mrs. Pearl Matthewson of Inglewood. The wedding date is set for October 28, at the West home.

MRS. BISHOP ATTENDS DISTRICT BOARD MEET

Mrs. J. O. Bishop, 2021 Carson street, represented Gateway Council Parent Teachers at the Tenth District executive board meeting held at Scully's Cafe, 4801 Crenshaw boulevard yesterday.

Directors and bureau managers of the district presented their programs for the year. Mrs. Rollin Brown, district president, appointed various committee chairmen for the state convention to be held in Los Angeles in May and outlined duties of the executive board members.

Luncheon was served and an afternoon session was needed to complete business matters.



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Church News

Union Service at Auditorium

The fourth of a series of union Sunday evening services will be held Aug. 27 at the Civic auditorium starting at 7:30 o'clock. Special musical selections by local and out of town talent will be a feature of the evening's program.

Rev. E. W. Matz pastor of Central church, will be the speaker, using as his theme: "Our Glorious Christ." The public is cordially invited to this inter-denominational community service.

NAZARENE CHURCH
W. A. Penner, pastor. 20507 North Royal, Hammett tract. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. No evening service. District camp meeting at Pasadena. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Harry G. Banks, pastor. El Prado at Carson. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. Topic: "Growing in Grace."

BAPTIST
Rev. C. Miles Northrup, pastor Carson and Martina. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 10:50 a. m. Sermon by Rev. V. Whealy of San Pedro. Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting and Bible study Wednesday night.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS
Meets at 9:30 a. m. Sundays in Boy Scout hall on El Prado. Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, teacher. All men welcome.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. John Makinson, pastor. 1015 Border. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning services, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Services Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

LATTER DAY SAINTS
Woman's clubhouse, F. P. Halling, bishop. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Evening service, 7 p. m. Tuesday, 2 p. m. Relief society; 3:30 p. m. Primary association, and 7:30 p. m. Mutual Improvement association.

MRS. ANNA G. KERBER . . . well-known pioneer resident of Lomita, succumbed Sunday morning at a rest home in Gardena after an illness of many months. She was born in Germany 71 years ago, came to this country in her youth, to California in 1899 and to Lomita in 1913.

Since the death of her husband, Matthias Kerber, in 1919, she had made her home in Lomita and Los Angeles with her children. She is survived by seven children, Mrs. Lena Stanton, John and Matt Kerber of Lomita, Mrs. Rose Martin and Mrs. Gertrude Francis of Los Angeles, Clement and Nicklos Kerber of San Jose; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rosary was said in her honor Monday night at a Los Angeles mortuary and the funeral was Tuesday morning at the Church of the Transfiguration, Los Angeles. Interment was at Calvary cemetery.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

Six Babies Born at Hospital Here

Six babies, evenly divided as to sexes, were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were:

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Julian L. Brock of Manhattan Beach, last Thursday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Alva L. Huffman, 1878 261st street, Lomita, Monday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clayton, 1021 Cravens avenue, Monday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Deane H. Hyatt of Hermosa Beach, Saturday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Townsend of San Pedro, Tuesday; and

A son to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Lubanks, 20602 South Normandie avenue, Tuesday.

Canada's revenue from gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration during 1938 amounted to \$67,477,884.

YOUNG MAJOR
FANCY FARM, Ky.—Thigtown of 400 boasts Kentucky's youngest mayor. He's Elisha M. Willet, 25, a merchant.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL
E. W. Matz, pastor. Arlington and Marcelina. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m.

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